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**The Delaware Anti-Dumping and Anti-Littering Task Force**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, December 7, 2017  
DelDOT – Dover Conference Room  
800 Bay Road  
Dover, Delaware 19901

**Members Present:**

Jennifer Cohan (CHAIR)  
Ralph (Dirk) Durstein, III  
Julie Miro Wenger  
Mike Parkowski  
Marjorie Crofts  
Allan Thienpont

Secretary, DelDOT  
Department of Justice/DNREC  
Keep Delaware Beautiful  
Delaware Solid Waste Authority  
DNREC  
Waste Industries

**Members Absent:**

Paul Pearson  
Senator Stephanie Hansen  
Laura Simpson (for Pam Bakerian)

Charlie's Waste Services  
State Senator, Democratic Caucus  
Delaware Farm Bureau

**If Desired Members:**

Representative Richard Collins  
Michael Harris (for Matt Meyer)  
Michael Petit de Mange  
Michael Costello

State Representative, Republican Caucus  
New Castle County  
Kent County  
Sussex County

**DelDOT Support Staff:**

Mark Alexander  
Alastair Probert  
Terri Stoakley

Director, Maintenance & Operations, DelDOT  
South District Engineer, DelDOT  
Administrative Specialist, M&O, DelDOT

**Guests:**

Jenn Parrish (for Senator Hansen)  
Matthew Chamberlain  
Eric Norenberg

Senator Stephanie Hansen's Office  
DNREC  
City of Milford

**Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Task Force Chairwoman Jennifer Cohan.

**Approval of Minutes from November 2 Meeting** – Durk Durstein motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Representative Collins seconded the motion. No one opposed.

Corrections:

- Correction of spelling of Majorie Crofts' name from "Croft" to "Crofts" on Page 2, Item "Approval of Minutes from October 5 Meeting".
- Correction of acronym spelling from "LEIF" to "LIEF" on Page 2, Item "Review of Littering/Dumping Legislation Drafted by DOJ".
- Correction of sentence from "NCC used 'robo-calls' to get the information out to the public." to "NCC used 'robo-calls' to provide pre- and post-campaign surveys to gauge the effectiveness of its outreach efforts." on Page 3, Item "New Castle County".
- Correction of dollar amount from \$100 to \$200 on Page 3, Item "Sussex County".

**Discuss Path Forward with Legislation** – The group agreed to review and give specifics. The group discussed increasing the penalties in Section 1605(b) to add community service hours of not less than 8 hours for the first offense and not less than 25 hours for a subsequent offense within 2 years. The group suggested adding the following to Section 1607: *"Notwithstanding the foregoing, a public authority or agency may choose to designate a park or recreation area as a carry-in and carry-out facility, by posting a notice to visitors, in which case receptacles need not be provided."* Jennifer Cohan wants to get the bill done as soon as possible. Dirk will make the changes to the draft legislation and send out in bill format.

**Anti-Littering Camera Photos** – Matt Chamberlain, DNREC, provided a presentation on one camera location for anti-dumping/anti-littering. The camera's memory card is filled within a two-week period. The camera takes two photos per trigger, and there is ten-second reset period. The presentation showed there legibility issues especially at night. Representative Collins stated the cameras, if used, need to be high tech. He has seen cameras with the capability to take photos from 150 feet with legibility. The cost is \$6,000 per camera. The group will form a subcommittee to review each county and pick one location per county to target. Mike Costello was asked to chair the subcommittee. DNREC will provide a representative from its Environmental Crimes Section. Representative Collins stated if it's in the ROW, Community Transportation Funds (CTFs) may be available.

**Review of House Concurrent Resolution No. 6** – tabled.

**Matrix Discussion** – The group reviewed the matrix drafted by Jennifer Cohan. Jen stated she took the recommendations from the last task force and categorized them into four main categories:

- Prevention
- Enforcement
- Clean-Up

- Change Culture

The highlights from the discussion were:

The group agreed that enforcement is the most effective. The group also agreed they would like to focus on immediate clean-up and prevention. Representative Collins stated he'd like to do a press release to let the public know what the task force is doing. The group agreed that a press release once everything is organized in January 2018 is a good idea. DelDOT Community Relations will take the lead on this.

DelDOT and Keep Delaware Beautiful (KDB) finalized the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the agencies for public outreach on the littering issue in Delaware. DelDOT has pledged \$100,000 annually, for at least three years, to the effort.

Mike Parkowski stated the DSWA will provide a support person for KDB to help with events and education. They want to develop a relationship with the schools, add littering to the curriculum and do public outreach. They can provide littering/recycling coloring books and how to recycle magnets. DSWA will provide funds for literature to be taken home to the families.

Mike Petit de Mange stated Kent County has worked with eight students (with supervision) to do clean-ups. This is a great opportunity for older students. DelDOT may be able to provide transportation for the student crews.

The group decided to scrap Items 7, 8 and 9 on the matrix and combine Items 10 and 11 and pursue further, and combine Items 14, 15, 16 and 17. Jennifer Cohan asked the group to review the matrix and discuss at the next task force meeting.

### **Keep Delaware Beautiful (KDB) Update –**

Julie Miro Wenger reported that MOU with DelDOT was drafted. KDB has a meeting next Friday with Keep America Beautiful (KAB). DSWA and DelDOT are funding a litter assessment study like done for other states. They sent out over 70,000 magnets to Delawareans on how to recycle.

### **Discussion of Future Agenda Items –**

Future agenda items will be:

- Review of draft legislation (Ralph (Dirk) Durstein, III)
- Matrix Discussion (Jennifer Cohan)
- Discuss Anti-Dumping/Anti-Littering Report due April 2018 (All)
- Discuss cleaning up problem roads (Representative Collins)
- Keep Delaware Beautiful update (Julie Miro Wenger)

### **Other –**

- None

**Public Comment –**

- Eric Norenberg, City of Milford, addressed the task force. He stated Delaware is listed as the 30<sup>th</sup> best state in the country in which to do business. One of the reasons is quality of life. He is appalled by the amount of litter he sees in the state. He sees litter blowing out of waste hauler containers. He thinks the Department of Agriculture and the Delaware Economic Development Office need to be involved. He believes that education at the point of sale will be beneficial.
- Eric Norenberg also talked about a program in Arizona that worked well. Arizona has a hotline for the public to report littering action. Citizens could leave a message state where and when, and the license plate of the vehicle. A letter was sent to the registered owner of the vehicle as a courtesy reminder not to litter.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dirk Durstein and seconded by Marjorie Crofts. No one opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

**Attachment:** Draft legislation (Title 16, Chapter 16. Litter and Dumping Control Law), House Concurrent Resolution No. 6 and Matrix Spreadsheet

**Minutes Prepared By:** Terri Stoakley, DelDOT